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## **Streetcar Visits Cincinnati's Fountain Square**

Visitors can get on board and get a firsthand look

Cincinnati – Today, more than a hundred people waited in the brisk fall weather to be among the first to tour a new modern streetcar at Fountain Square. Mayor Mark Mallory, City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr., and several City officials took the inaugural tour alongside people interested in learning more about the streetcar. The demonstration streetcar will be on display at Fountain Square on 5<sup>th</sup> Street through Wednesday, November 10, and will be open for tours from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm daily.

"It's exciting for people to have a chance to see a modern streetcar up close. It will allow them to start to visualize what we have to look forward to when our streetcar is operational in 2013," Mayor Mark Mallory said.

"The turnout today shows that people are excited about the streetcar coming to Cincinnati and are eager to learn more about it," City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr. said.

The City of Cincinnati is building the first phase of a streetcar system. Expected to open in 2013, the Cincinnati Streetcar will carry an estimated 6,600 passengers a day on the route from The Banks to the University of Cincinnati area. Additionally, it will improve neighborhood accessibility, stimulate development and create jobs resulting in \$1.4 billion economic impact.

The streetcar visiting Cincinnati, made by United Streetcar, is not the model Cincinnati will be getting, as the type and model are yet to be determined. Depending on the actual model selected, each streetcar will hold between 170 and 209 passengers, and will easily accommodate wheelchairs and bicycles.

To see photos of the demonstration streetcar, visit [www.cincinnati-streetcar.com](http://www.cincinnati-streetcar.com). Also download (<http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/noncms/projects/streetcar/docs/CinciStreetcarHandout.pdf>) a brochure about the Cincinnati Streetcar for more information.

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